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PORTS ON BRAHMAPUTRA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ports on river Brahmaputra in India;

(b) whether the Government plans to rebuild inland waterways to connect India with Bangladesh through Brahmaputra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with funds required for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a): Sadiya to Dhubri stretch of River Brahmaputra was declared as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in 1988. A river port at Pandu in Guwahati has been developed with multi-modal facilities. Another terminal at Dhubri with Ro-Ro facilities is under construction. In addition, in river Brahmaputra at ten (10) other locations, floating terminals have also been provided.

(b)&(c): There is already an 'Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol' between India and Bangladesh. The specific inland water routes under this Protocol are Kolkata-Kari- mganj-Kolkata, Silghat-Karimganj-Silghat and Dhulian- Rajshahi-Dhulian. The Protocol is renewed from time to time under a set mechanism. The Budget allocation for development of River Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya for the year 2014-2015 is Rs. 57.65 crore. For the development of Protocol route falling in Bangladesh territory, Government of India has paid an amount equivalent to Rs. 10 crore Bangladesh Taka to the Bangladesh Government during 2014-15.